

Katherine Smith

From: jandrew311@aol.com
Sent: Monday, March 29, 2004 11:48 PM
To: KAQuinn
Subject: Please Support the Consensus Plan -- FCC WT Docket #02-55

RECEIVED

MAR 31 2004

Federal Communications Commission
Office of the Secretary

Commissioner Kathleen Q. Abernathy
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

Dear Commissioner Abernathy,

Emergency response communications have never been more critical, or more difficult.

That's because of a common problem on police, fire and EMS

radios: interference. Interference, garbled or dropped communications, inhibits first responders from doing their jobs safely and effectively. Essentially, if first responders can't communicate, they can't help and may themselves be in danger.

There is a solution before the FCC: the Consensus Plan. Over 300 public safety organizations, local governments, and congressional officials support this Plan because it eliminates interference before it

occurs and at no additional cost to federal, state or local budgets - or the American taxpayer.

The 300 Consensus Plan supporters that have filed with the FCC, along with John Walsh, host of America's Most Wanted, recognize the importance of communications for America's police, fire and EMS workers. This problem has existed long enough, and our first responders deserve better. I am asking you to help.

Please listen to the voices of public safety. Our neighborhoods, families and fellow public safety professionals cannot afford to wait any longer.

Sincerely,

John Andrew
9800 Shelard Parkway,
Suite 220
Plymouth, Minnesota 55441

cc:
Senator Mark Dayton

Senator Norm Coleman
Representative Jim Ramstad

Katherine Smith

From: jandrew311@aol.com
Sent: Monday, March 29, 2004 11:48 PM
To: Michael Copps
Subject: Please Support the Consensus Plan -- FCC WT Docket #02-55

RECEIVED

MAR 31 2004

Federal Communications Commission
Office of the Secretary

Commissioner Michael J. Copps
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

Dear Commissioner Copps,

Emergency response communications have never been more critical, or more difficult.

That's because of a common problem on police, fire and EMS radios: interference. Interference, garbled or dropped communications, inhibits first responders from doing their jobs safely and effectively. Essentially, if first responders can't communicate, they can't help and may themselves be in danger.

There is a solution before the FCC: the Consensus Plan. Over 300 public safety organizations, local governments, and congressional officials support this Plan because it eliminates interference before it

occurs and at no additional cost to federal, state or local budgets - or the American taxpayer.

The 300 Consensus Plan supporters that have filed with the FCC, along with John Walsh, host of America's Most Wanted, recognize the importance of communications for America's police, fire and EMS workers. This problem has existed long enough, and our first responders deserve better. I am asking you to help.

Please listen to the voices of public safety. Our neighborhoods, families and fellow public safety professionals cannot afford to wait any longer.

Sincerely,

John Andrew
9800 Shelard Parkway,
Suite 220
Plymouth, Minnesota 55441

cc:
Senator Mark Dayton

Senator Norm Coleman
Representative Jim Ramstad

Katherine Smith

From: jandrew311@aol.com
Sent: Monday, March 29, 2004 11:48 PM
To: Michael Copps
Subject: Please Support the Consensus Plan -- FCC WT Docket #02-55

RECEIVED

MAR 31 2004

Federal Communications Commission
Office of the Secretary

Commissioner Michael J. Copps
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

Dear Commissioner Copps,

Emergency response communications have never been more critical, or more difficult.

That's because of a common problem on police, fire and EMS radios: interference. Interference, garbled or dropped communications, inhibits first responders from doing their jobs safely and effectively. Essentially, if first responders can't communicate, they can't help and may themselves be in danger.

There is a solution before the FCC: the Consensus Plan. Over 300 public safety organizations, local governments, and congressional officials support this Plan because it eliminates interference before it

occurs and at no additional cost to federal, state or local budgets - or the American taxpayer.

The 300 Consensus Plan supporters that have filed with the FCC, along with John Walsh, host of America's Most Wanted, recognize the importance of communications for America's police, fire and EMS workers. This problem has existed long enough, and our first responders deserve better. I am asking you to help.

Please listen to the voices of public safety. Our neighborhoods, families and fellow public safety professionals cannot afford to wait any longer.

Sincerely,

John Andrew
9800 Shelard Parkway,
Suite 220
Plymouth, Minnesota 55441

cc:
Senator Mark Dayton

Senator Norm Coleman
Representative Jim Ramstad

Katherine Smith

From: Fdkn5@aol.com
Sent: Monday, March 29, 2004 9:08 PM
To: Michael Copps
Subject: Please Support the Consensus Plan -- FCC WT Docket #02-55

RECEIVED

MAR 31 2004

Federal Communications Commission
Office of the Secretary

Commissioner Michael J. Copps
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

Dear Commissioner Copps,

I am an Emergency Service professional and, as a member of the first responder community, I am deeply concerned about an issue that is affecting EMS and public safety colleagues across

America: 800 MHz radio interference.

To date, there have been nearly 1,000 reported cases of interference - with more cases being reported every day. Thankfully, no one has died because of an interference-related incident, but it continues to be a frightening possibility.

Interference has been a problem for public safety departments long enough. Time is no longer on our side. We need to act and

implement a comprehensive solution. The public safety community deserves the necessary tools to protect our communities safely and effectively.

I join with the hundreds of public safety organizations and agencies in support the Consensus Plan, the only approach that will proactively eliminate interference before it gets the chance to hinder operations and endanger lives. The Consensus Plan solves the problem of interference, provides additional spectrum to public safety for future needs and is completely privately funded.

A real solution does not lie in mitigation or piecemeal remediation. Please do not let big business muddy the issue with vague and unfounded ideas, distracting you from what is truly important. Public safety is at stake. Please act accordingly and implement the only true solution backed by the public safety community: the Consensus Plan.

Sincerely,

Frank Spillman
977 Sw Cascade Ave

Chehalis, Washington 98532-3319

cc:

Representative Brian Baird

Senator Maria Cantwell

Senator Patty Murray

Katherine Smith

From: Fdkn5@aol.com
Sent: Monday, March 29, 2004 9:08 PM
To: Michael Copps
Subject: Please Support the Consensus Plan -- FCC WT Docket #02-55

RECEIVED

MAR 31 2004

Federal Communications Commission
Office of the Secretary

Commissioner Michael J. Copps
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

Dear Commissioner Copps,

I am an Emergency Service professional and, as a member of the first responder community, I am deeply concerned about an issue that is affecting EMS and public safety colleagues across

America: 800 MHz radio interference.

To date, there have been nearly 1,000 reported cases of interference - with more cases being reported every day. Thankfully, no one has died because of an interference-related incident, but it continues to be a frightening possibility.

Interference has been a problem for public safety departments long enough. Time is no longer on our side. We need to act and

implement a comprehensive solution. The public safety community deserves the necessary tools to protect our communities safely and effectively.

I join with the hundreds of public safety organizations and agencies in support the Consensus Plan, the only approach that will proactively eliminate interference before it gets the chance to hinder operations and endanger lives. The Consensus Plan solves the problem of interference, provides additional spectrum to public safety for future needs and is completely privately funded.

A real solution does not lie in mitigation or piecemeal remediation. Please do not let big business muddy the issue with vague and unfounded ideas, distracting you from what is truly important. Public safety is at stake. Please act accordingly and implement the only true solution backed by the public safety community: the Consensus Plan.

Sincerely,

Frank Spillman
977 Sw Cascade Ave

Chehalis, Washington 98532-3319

cc:

Representative Brian Baird

Senator Maria Cantwell

Senator Patty Murray

Katherine Smith

From: Fdkn5@aol.com
Sent: Monday, March 29, 2004 9:08 PM
To: KAQuinn
Subject: Please Support the Consensus Plan -- FCC WT Docket #02-55

RECEIVED

MAR 31 2004

Federal Communications Commission
Office of the Secretary

Commissioner Kathleen Q. Abernathy
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

Dear Commissioner Abernathy,

I am an Emergency Service professional and, as a member of the first responder community, I am deeply concerned about an issue that is affecting EMS and public safety colleagues across

America: 800 MHz radio interference.

To date, there have been nearly 1,000 reported cases of interference - with more cases being reported every day. Thankfully, no one has died because of an interference-related incident, but it continues to be a frightening possibility.

Interference has been a problem for public safety departments long enough. Time is no longer on our side. We need to act and

implement a comprehensive solution. The public safety community deserves the necessary tools to protect our communities safely and effectively.

I join with the hundreds of public safety organizations and agencies in support the Consensus Plan, the only approach that will proactively eliminate interference before it gets the chance to hinder operations and endanger lives. The Consensus Plan solves the problem of interference, provides additional spectrum to public safety for future needs and is completely privately funded.

A real solution does not lie in mitigation or piecemeal remediation. Please do not let big business muddy the issue with vague and unfounded ideas, distracting you from what is truly important. Public safety is at stake. Please act accordingly and implement the only true solution backed by the public safety community: the Consensus Plan.

Sincerely,

Frank Spillman
977 Sw Cascade Ave

Chehalis, Washington 98532-3319

cc:

Representative Brian Baird

Senator Maria Cantwell

Senator Patty Murray

Katherine Smith

From: Fdkn5@aol.com
Sent: Monday, March 29, 2004 9:08 PM
To: Michael Powell
Subject: Please Support the Consensus Plan -- FCC WT Docket #02-55

RECEIVED

MAR 31 2004

Federal Communications Commission
Office of the Secretary

Chairman Michael K. Powell
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

Dear Chairman Powell,

I am an Emergency Service professional and, as a member of the first responder community, I am deeply concerned about an issue that is affecting EMS and public safety colleagues across

America: 800 MHz radio interference.

To date, there have been nearly 1,000 reported cases of interference - with more cases being reported every day. Thankfully, no one has died because of an interference-related incident, but it continues to be a frightening possibility.

Interference has been a problem for public safety departments long enough. Time is no longer on our side. We need to act and

implement a comprehensive solution. The public safety community deserves the necessary tools to protect our communities safely and effectively.

I join with the hundreds of public safety organizations and agencies in support the Consensus Plan, the only approach that will proactively eliminate interference before it gets the chance to hinder operations and endanger lives. The Consensus Plan solves the problem of interference, provides additional spectrum to public safety for future needs and is completely privately funded.

A real solution does not lie in mitigation or piecemeal remediation. Please do not let big business muddy the issue with vague and unfounded ideas, distracting you from what is truly important. Public safety is at stake. Please act accordingly and implement the only true solution backed by the public safety community: the Consensus Plan.

Sincerely,

Frank Spillman
977 Sw Cascade Ave

Chehalis, Washington 98532-3319

cc:

Representative Brian Baird

Senator Maria Cantwell

Senator Patty Murray

Katherine Smith

From: Fdkn5@aol.com
Sent: Monday, March 29, 2004 9:07 PM
To: KAQuinn
Subject: Please Support the Consensus Plan -- FCC WT Docket #02-55

RECEIVED

MAR 31 2004

Federal Communications Commission
Office of the Secretary

Commissioner Kathleen Q. Abernathy
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

Dear Commissioner Abernathy,

As a firefighter, I know how critical communications are to emergency response. Radios are our primary means of contact to receive instructions from the dispatcher, coordinate efforts with other on-scene officials and can be, at times, our lifeline. It is disturbing that my fellow firefighters and other first responders are struggling with 800 MHz radio interference. This is impeding efficient operations and placing lives at risk.

Simply put, this needs to be solved. The Commission has had nearly two years to research fully this issue. Now is time for a resolution. I join my public safety colleagues such as the International

Association of Fire Chiefs in support of the only true solution available: the Consensus Plan. The Consensus Plan eliminates interference proactively by reorganizing the jumbled spectrum, which is the main cause of the problem. Furthermore, the Plan provides additional spectrum for public safety, and does all of this at no cost to public safety agencies, government or the American taxpayer.

Let's not let another day pass where lives are at needless risk. We need to implement the Consensus Plan now. Please do not let corporate special interests continue to derail this important decision. Nothing can be more important than the safety and welfare of our communities. My fellow firefighters and I hope we can count on your support.

Sincerely,

Frank Spillman
977 Sw Cascade Ave
Chehalis, Washington 98532-3319

cc:
Representative Brian Baird

Senator Maria Cantwell

Senator Patty Murray

Katherine Smith

From: Fdkn5@aol.com
Sent: Monday, March 29, 2004 9:06 PM
To: Michael Copps
Subject: Please Support the Consensus Plan -- FCC WT Docket #02-55

RECEIVED

MAR 31 2004

Federal Communications Commission
Office of the Secretary

Commissioner Michael J. Copps
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

Dear Commissioner Copps,

As a firefighter, I know how critical communications are to emergency response. Radios are our primary means of contact to receive instructions from the dispatcher, coordinate efforts with other on-scene officials and can be, at times, our lifeline. It is disturbing that my fellow firefighters and other first responders are struggling with 800 MHz radio interference. This is impeding efficient operations and placing lives at risk.

Simply put, this needs to be solved. The Commission has had nearly two years to research fully this issue. Now is time for a resolution. I join my public safety colleagues such as the International

Association of Fire Chiefs in support of the only true solution available: the Consensus Plan. The Consensus Plan eliminates interference proactively by reorganizing the jumbled spectrum, which is the main cause of the problem. Furthermore, the Plan provides additional spectrum for public safety, and does all of this at no cost to public safety agencies, government or the American taxpayer.

Let's not let another day pass where lives are at needless risk. We need to implement the Consensus Plan now. Please do not let corporate special interests continue to derail this important decision. Nothing can be more important than the safety and welfare of our communities. My fellow firefighters and I hope we can count on your support.

Sincerely,

Frank Spillman
977 Sw Cascade Ave
Chehalis, Washington 98532-3319

cc:
Representative Brian Baird

Senator Maria Cantwell

Senator Patty Murray

Katherine Smith

From: Fdkn5@aol.com
Sent: Monday, March 29, 2004 9:06 PM
To: Michael Copps
Subject: Please Support the Consensus Plan -- FCC WT Docket #02-55

RECEIVED

MAR 31 2004

Federal Communications Commission
Office of the Secretary

Commissioner Michael J. Copps
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

Dear Commissioner Copps,

As a firefighter, I know how critical communications are to emergency response. Radios are our primary means of contact to receive instructions from the dispatcher, coordinate efforts with other on-scene officials and can be, at times, our lifeline. It is disturbing that my fellow firefighters and other first responders are struggling with 800 MHz radio interference. This is impeding efficient operations and placing lives at risk.

Simply put, this needs to be solved. The Commission has had nearly two years to research fully this issue. Now is time for a resolution. I join my public safety colleagues such as the International

Association of Fire Chiefs in support of the only true solution available: the Consensus Plan. The Consensus Plan eliminates interference proactively by reorganizing the jumbled spectrum, which is the main cause of the problem. Furthermore, the Plan provides additional spectrum for public safety, and does all of this at no cost to public safety agencies, government or the American taxpayer.

Let's not let another day pass where lives are at needless risk. We need to implement the Consensus Plan now. Please do not let corporate special interests continue to derail this important decision. Nothing can be more important than the safety and welfare of our communities. My fellow firefighters and I hope we can count on your support.

Sincerely,

Frank Spillman
977 Sw Cascade Ave
Chehalis, Washington 98532-3319

cc:
Representative Brian Baird

Senator Maria Cantwell

Senator Patty Murray

Katherine Smith

From: Fdkn5@aol.com
Sent: Monday, March 29, 2004 9:06 PM
To: Michael Powell
Subject: Please Support the Consensus Plan -- FCC WT Docket #02-55

RECEIVED

MAR 31 2004

Federal Communications Commission
Office of the Secretary

Chairman Michael K. Powell
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

Dear Chairman Powell,

As a firefighter, I know how critical communications are to emergency response. Radios are our primary means of contact to receive instructions from the dispatcher, coordinate efforts with other on-scene officials and can be, at times, our lifeline. It is disturbing that my fellow firefighters and other first responders are struggling with 800 MHz radio interference. This is impeding efficient operations and placing lives at risk.

Simply put, this needs to be solved. The Commission has had nearly two years to research fully this issue. Now is time for a resolution. I join my public safety colleagues such as the International

Association of Fire Chiefs in support of the only true solution available: the Consensus Plan. The Consensus Plan eliminates interference proactively by reorganizing the jumbled spectrum, which is the main cause of the problem. Furthermore, the Plan provides additional spectrum for public safety, and does all of this at no cost to public safety agencies, government or the American taxpayer.

Let's not let another day pass where lives are at needless risk. We need to implement the Consensus Plan now. Please do not let corporate special interests continue to derail this important decision. Nothing can be more important than the safety and welfare of our communities. My fellow firefighters and I hope we can count on your support.

Sincerely,

Frank Spillman
977 Sw Cascade Ave
Chehalis, Washington 98532-3319

cc:

Representative Brian Baird

Senator Maria Cantwell

Senator Patty Murray